Hello,
We are John and Mark

We appreciate you taking the time to learn about us. We want you to know how deeply we respect you and the brave choices you are making. It must be an unimaginably complicated decision for you and we are so grateful that you would consider us as a family to support and love your child. We know that you are putting your child’s needs first and how serious and important of a choice you are making. We hope to support you through your journey and share who we are with you.
We were both from the same area but didn’t know each other until Mark moved back to be near his family. Before we decided to go on our first date we talked for a while, chatting about our interests, hobbies, and families. The longer we spoke, the clearer it became that we needed to give a relationship a try. The first time we met for a date we brought each other food that we had been cooking for the holidays. We had been talking about how we each enjoyed cooking and when we decided to meet for a date we had the same idea – surprise the other with something special from home. From there, we both knew that we wanted the same things from life – a wonderful home to share with family, many celebrations with friends, and one love and life to share together.
We grew together as a couple, introducing each other to our families and traditions, and started to build our home. As a team we helped each other to reach our personal and professional goals and found many ways to celebrate bringing our lives together.

The thing we value most about each other is that we look out for each other while still being encouraging and honest about what we need. This has allowed us to build a trusting and fulfilling relationship, one that we know has prepared us to be fathers.
Four summers ago we brought our home, it is the house that Mark grew up in. Our town is wonderful, with many community events each year, great schools, and lots of fun things for families to do. Our home has always been about children and family and our entire family is tremendously excited to have the opportunity to welcome another child to fill it with love, learning, and laughter. We are also blessed that John’s mother lives only a couple of miles from us and is extremely excited to be a grandmother. We know that both she and Mark’s parents will be a tremendous help.
This is the room we are hoping to change to a nursery. It is right near ours and was Mark’s as a child. We have a garden and a yard where your child can play with family, friends, and of course our dog Lucky. We both grew up learning to garden and loved playing outdoors and we hope to share this with your child. The kitchen is the center of our home, where we cook for our family and celebrate.

Mark’s old bedroom and someday a nursery!!!!
As we started to consider expanding our family we knew immediately we wanted to adopt. Our home is filled with love and we are ready to welcome, nurture, care for, and celebrate a child. We are also a family that is very familiar with adoption and know that this will help us ensure that your child understands that by being adopted he or she is doubly loved. John is adopted and so we have firsthand knowledge of the process of raising an adopted child. He was brought up from the start knowing the true and lasting love of his family and with a full and truthful awareness of his adoption. Confident in the love of his upbringing, John connected with his birthparents. His is especially close to his birthmother and now has welcomed her in as an important part of his adult life. Mark also grew up with adoption in his life. He has several cousins who were adopted and part of his very close extended family.
John is one of the most genuine people I have ever known. It was his smile that first made me fall for him. The truth is that that smile holds the soul of a kind, loving, and caring man. John isn't materialistic or judgmental, he simply wants a happy life and people to share it with. He loves to work outdoors in the yard and garden and can sit at the beach for hours enjoying the waves and playing with our dog Lucky. He has an honest and true nature and is always there for the ones he loves. John is my rock, he keeps me calm when I am nervous and lifts me up when I am scared. He seems to do it without even noticing it and I know that he will do so with courage and love for your child.
Mark (from John)

Mark is one of the smartest people I know. He pushes me to grow at every moment. He knows how to listen, he is always there to help me, and gives me advice whenever I need it. These qualities will make Mark a wonderful father. I know we can face any of life’s obstacles together. We are the ultimate team. His love warms my heart.
We are two people who are committed to each other and to having a strong and loving family that allows a child to grow in happiness and joy. We are also very fortunate to have parents and relatives who live very close by. We were both raised in large families where grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, and dear family friends are all active parts of a child’s life. As a result, we are both dedicated to sharing this with your child and know that this will help make our home even more supportive and loving.
As a couple we have been blessed to have a good deal of experience with children both through our extended family and through Mark’s work. Mark works with children every day and helps families by supporting them through very difficult times. As a result, we know that we have a strong foundation, both in love and experience, to allow us to be confident that we are ready to welcome your child directly into our hearts and home.
John and his entire family always knew about his adoption. This was something that was just part of who he was and as a child his family found safe and comfortable ways to make him understand his history. He knew that he was loved unconditionally, and never felt anything other than the full love of his mother, father, and entire family.
Mark also grew up as part of a large Italian family. His mother and father were from the same town and he grew up there surrounded by his brothers and cousins. He grew up in a neighborhood where cousins lived in the homes around him, allowing him to play openly around the neighborhood. This is the home that Mark and John now own and, excitedly, they still have lots of family around.

Mark was raised to value family above everything. His parents raised him with a very strong connection to all of his grandparents and many of his cousins. As an adult, Mark is very excited to offer the same messages to a child. Mark always understood that his family would support him no matter what. They also instilled in him important values of respect for others, family, community, responsibility, and education.
John completed his Master’s in Business Administration and helps teams manage and develop research projects to cure pediatric illnesses. Mark is a Psychologist and works with schools and families, teaching and assisting them with how to best help children with disabilities. As a working couple we have made many preparations allowing us to change our work schedules to meet the needs of a child.

We are sure that as you consider the type of home that you would like for your child that you are weighing countless variables. This must make the process even more complicated for you. We want you to know that above all else, we know that the baby who enters our home will be our first priority, that we will love your child with all the strength we have, and that we will ensure that your baby is supported, nurtured, and loved life-long.
We have a number of traditions that we have developed each year and are so excited to share these with your child. These are things we have done year after year and have often said, “wouldn’t this be perfect to share with a child.” In the winter we love to go for walks in the snow and then share warm visits with family. When the flowers spring up we start our gardens and spend more and more time outside. Then it is time for Easter celebrations – more time with family and of course egg hunts!

Our family shares a home by the shore where our cousins and Mark’s niece and nephew can spend the summer. They live out of state but we visit each other frequently throughout the year. We can’t wait to share such family times with another baby. We enjoy exercising and spending time outdoors and do so as often as we can.
Our Traditions

We go strawberry picking every June and then start spending more and more time at the shore. The summer is filled with family barbeques, birthdays, and parties. As the fall approaches it is time for apple picking, trips to festivals and fairs, and the pumpkin picking. The winter is our time for holiday celebrations. We open our home to the entire family for Christmas celebrations. It is a time for children to play together and for the wonder of the holiday to be shared with all.

John is Protestant and Mark is Catholic. Faith plays an important role in our life and as a couple we have shared our time in John’s church community. We believe that it is important to introduce a child to a faith community that is welcoming and helps instill values of respect for oneself and others and caring for one’s community.
We have tremendous admiration, respect, and appreciation for you and the commitment you are making. Ours is a home filled with love, love that will grow tremendously as we become fathers. We are happy to share more information about ourselves, our home, and our vision for raising a child. We will help your child grow in a home that is loving, nurturing, and tremendously respectful of the adoption experience.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. Your caring and loving decision will allow us to grow our family and we know that we will be loving and dedicated parents.

We are open to adopting a child of any race and are confident that our home and our family will endlessly love your child. We want to help you throughout your journey and are open to speaking with you and being there for you during your pregnancy and afterwards to sharing updates and photos with you as your child grows.

Please feel free to contact us through our adoption agency, Forever Families Through Adoption at their toll free number 1-866-922-3678 or you can email us at markandjohn1221@gmail.com.
Thank You

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